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Dr. Nicholas Gaiano Named Chief of CSR's Integrative, Functional, and Cognitive Neuroscience Integrated Review Group

The NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR) has selected Dr. Nicholas Gaiano to be the new Chief of its Integrative, Functional, and Cognitive Neuroscience (IFCN) Integrated Review Group.



"Dr. Gaiano has been an outstanding health science administrator for our Neurobiology of Motivated Behavior Study Section," said CSR Director Dr. Richard Nakamura, "and he will bring to his new position important insights and perspectives of someone who has excelled as an extramural scientist." Dr. Nakamura noted that, before coming to CSR, Dr. Gaiano was a well-funded, associate professor with publications in *Nature*, *Science*, *Neuron*, and *Nature Neuroscience*.

As IFCN Chief, Dr. Gaiano will oversee [eight standing study sections and numerous special emphasis panels that review a broad range](#) of NIH grant applications to fund neuroscience research devoted to advancing understanding of how the nervous system is organized and functions at an integrative, systems level.

Prior to coming CSR, Dr. Gaiano was an associate professor in the departments of neurology, neuroscience and oncology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where for 10 years he ran a lab that conducted studies on embryonic neural stem cell regulation, neuronal plasticity, and brain tumor formation, with a particular focus on the Notch signaling pathway. His lab was funded by grants from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, the National Institute of Mental Health, and numerous private foundations. Dr. Gaiano earned his Ph.D. in developmental genetics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge and did his postdoctoral research in developmental neurobiology at the NYU School of Medicine in New York City.

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